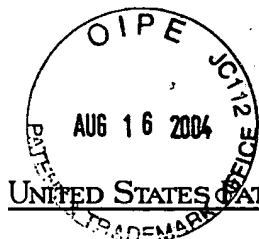


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10/814,624	03/31/2004	Lutz Deckert	NHL-HOL-70

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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 770 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).*
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Additional claim fees of \$86 as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$986** for a Large Entity

- \$770 Statutory basic filing fee.
- \$130 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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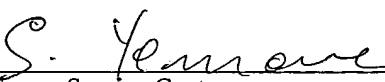
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is **\$86**

- \$86 for 1 independent claims over 3.

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Sir:

Please find enclosed herewith the following documents relating to the above-cited case:

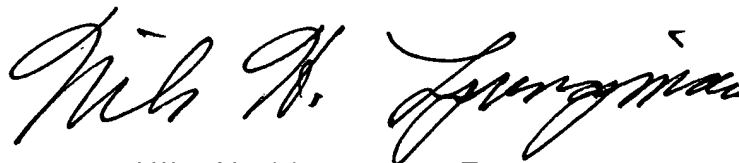
- 1) a Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application;
- 2) a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application;
- 3) an executed Supplemental Declaration and Power of Attorney document;
- 4) a Preliminary Amendment having 13 pages;
- 5) a check for \$900.00 representing \$770.00 for the basic filing fee, and \$130.00 for the large entity surcharge fee;
- 6) a certified copy of Federal Republic of Germany Patent Application No. 103 14 635.0;
- 7) an Authorization to Withdraw from Deposit Account and a duplicate copy thereof; and
- 8) a stamped, self-addressed postcard, return of which is requested to acknowledge receipt of the enclosed documents.

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It is believed that no further fee is required to file the enclosed documents.

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Respectfully submitted,



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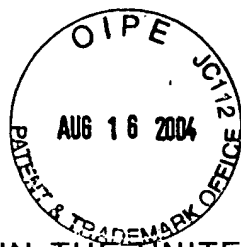
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS  
OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

Sir:

The Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application, mailed on June 14, 2004, a copy of which is enclosed herewith, requires that a basic filing fee of \$770.00, a large entity surcharge fee of \$130.00, additional claim fees of \$86.00, and a Declaration signed by the inventors be submitted by August 14, 2004, which is two months from the mailing date of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application, relating to the above-cited patent application.

A Preliminary Amendment has been prepared in order to eliminate multiple dependent claims. Therefore, it is submitted that the extra claim fees are no longer required.

This case was filed without a Declaration because an application with a Declaration attached thereto was not received by the Attorney of Record by the Convention Date. Therefore, in order to comply with the filing requirements, a Declaration citing the above-identified application by its serial number and filing date is enclosed herewith.

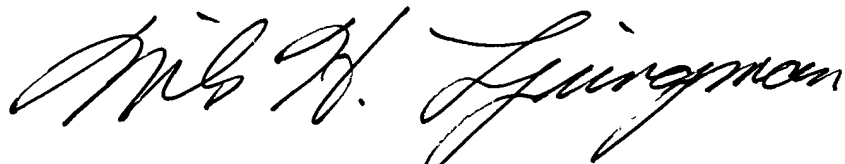
Priority was claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 at the time of filing of the above-cited application.

The undersigned attorney of record hereby states that the invention recited in the Declaration enclosed herewith is identical to the invention captioned above.

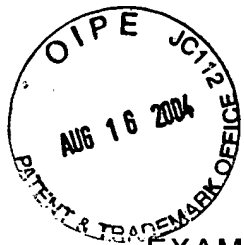
As requested by the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application, all required documents are enclosed herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Nils H. Ljungman".

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If a fee is required to avoid abandonment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 12-1758. A duplicate copy of this authorization is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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